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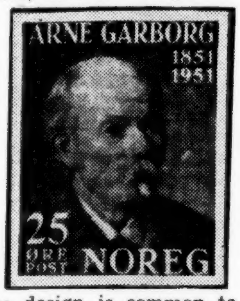
STAMP THIEVES STRIKE AGAIN

Set Of Three Honors Norwegian Poet

Norway issued three commemorative stamps on January 25 to honor the centenary of the birth of one of its most favored authors, Arne Garborg.



One design is common to all, it being a portrait of Garborg adapted from a painting by Olav Rusti. Also in the design are the dates dates 1851—1951, and the country name as "NOREG", which is the Neo-Norse term, instead of the familiar "NORGE".

Denominations, colors and quantities are 25 ore red (3,000,000); 45 ore blue (1,000,000,); 80 ore brown (1,000,000). Printing was by the photogravure process in sheets of 100 on unwatermarked paper by the firm of Emil Moestue and Sons or Oslo.

Arne Garborg is one of Norway's best known poets. He gained his niche on that nation's roster of literary greats for his inimitable description of the Norwegian peasant and the rural community. In the struggle for independence and freedom, Garborg was to be found in the front ranks.

Probably the work which brought the bulk of his fame was the renaisance of the Norwegian language. He introduced into the language words used traditionally in the country from the age of sagas up to the present time. This language is called Neo-Norse and is given equality to the book language.

Garborg was 73 at the time of his death in 1924.

Tower Collection To Princeton University

Rev. William H. Tower of Montclair, N. J., retired Presbyterian minister and well known stamp collector, who died December 14, left his large stamp collection to Princeton University under the terms of his will which has been submitted for probate in the Essex County Surrogate's office.

Mr. Tower also provided that the university, from which he graduated in 1894 and where he helped establish the philatelic section, shall receive his books, pamphlets and the cups and awards that his collection received at exhibitions.

The university also is to receive $1,000 for a plaque bearing his and his wife's name which is to be placed in the chapel.

AUSTRIAN AIRS REPRODUCED ON MAILING LABEL. The two new airmail stamps which Austria issued on October 21 as the first of a new series to come have had their designs reproduced on a mailing label. This is the same kind of treatment that the three UPU designs received causing such a furore a few months ago when they were offered as miniature sheets, which of course, they weren't. These labels were sponsored by "Merkur" a stamp dealing firm with offices in Salzburg and Feldkirch, Austria. The large circular postmark in the center covering both stamps indicates that the labels prepaid the postage on a special flight from Salzburg, Austria to Brussels, Belgium.

Austrian Imperf Certified Genuine; Die Change On Madersperger Stamp; Renner, Reconstruction Issues Soon

Probably a number of dyed-in-the-wool Austrian stamp fans who include the "works" in their albums, such as the stamps, die proofs and first day covers, are not aware of the fact that a change was made in the recently issued Madersperger die before it was used for plates from which to print stamps. The official government die proof of the stamp design is exactly the same as the stamp which was issued with the exception that the birth date of Madersperger, alleged inventor of the sewing machine, has been changed from "1867" of the die proof to the correct "1868" on the stamp.

According to Joseph F. Bush, secretary of the Austria Philatelic Society, the retouch which changed the "7" to and "8" can be seen to good advantage on the 23rd stamp in a sheet of 50.

In the past few weeks an Austrian stamp variety which was suspected of being a spurious item has been certified as genuine. Investigations conducted in Austria by interested philatelists have established the fact that imperf singles or pairs of the 10 Schilling denomination of the "Costume" series for regular postage are authentic.

Their origin is said to have been from a high government official who was given an unperforated sheet of the stamps which in the same manner as the "Farleys" of the United States came into being.

Collectors can expect two issues from Austria in the next two months. The first, in February, will be a 1 Schilling denomination to mark the death of president Karl Renner. Renner, a founder of the democratic republic, and one of the ablest politicians and administrators the country had, died December 31.

In March, another of the Reconstruction sets of semipostals will appear. There will be four stamps with denominations of 40 groschen plus 10 groschen; 60g plus 15g; 1 Schilling plus 25g and 1.70S plus 40g.

New Canadian Dollar Stamp To Be Dark Blue

Change in color for the new $1 stamp which Canada will release February 1 was announced by the Post Office Department of that country.

The original announcement stated that the stamp would be produced in a green color. This has been changed so that it will now appear in a dark blue.

Will Auction Airport Dedication Covers

Collectors of airport dedication covers might be interested in the auction of such items which the Airport Dedication Society is sponsoring for February 17. An auction catalog can be obtained from Dr. Keith Hester, 1205 Marshall, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. Hester will also send information about the society to interested persons.

$200,000 In Essays, Proofs Stolen From Brazer Offices In NYC; 90% Of Loss Covered By Insurance

One or more persons, well versed in both philately and burglary, stole approximately $200,000 worth of stamp essays and proofs from the office of Dr. Clarence Brazer, dealer-specialist in these items, at 415 Lexington Ave., New York City between 5 p. m. Saturday January 6 and 2 p. m. Monday January 8. Dr. Brazer attributed the theft to former members of a prison stamp club who he felt might have seen the advertisements of his philatelic stock in the "Essay-Proof Journal" of which he is the editor. He is also of the opinion that the thieves might have studied the layout of his offices while posing as customers at various times.

Insurance covered 90% of the loss. The loot included nearly the entire contents of a cabinet and a reference collection.

Dr. Brazer had been on a vacation in Florida when the burglary took place. The theft was discovered on Monday at 2 p. m. by Vincent Russo, building superintendent, when he put the monthly rent bill inside the door. Because of automobile trouble, Dr. Brazer was delayed in his arrival until Wednesday afternoon.

The Brazer fourth floor office, on the east overlooks the roof of an adjoining building of Peerless Camera Stores, which runs through the block from 43rd to 44th Sts.

According to detectives of the 15th Squad, the burglars entered the camera shop Saturday afternoon and secreted themselves somewhere in the building. A burglar alarm on a third-floor door went off at 5:50 p. m., but store employees found no one. During the night, the burglars propped a ladder under Dr. Brazer's windows and went to work.

The burglars apparently first knocked a hole in the reinforced glass to undo the hasp in the secretary's office, but were unable to raise the window. "The weights came off the sash some years ago," Dr. Brazer chuckled, "and I never had it repaired. I figured it was good protection." Entry was then made through Dr. Brazer's window.

Dr. Brazer's entire stock and sixteen volumes of his private collection were contained in a fire-proof steel cabinet, which, detectives said, "could have been opened with a can opener." Detectives recovered, however, a sledge hammer, two three-foot crowbars and a punch, none showing fingerprints.

Dr. Brazer said that the burglars must have taken several hours to comb through the essays and proofs. Their research could not be detected from the street, he said, because St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church cuts off the view from the east.

Of the reference works, only the frayed strips of inner tube wrapped around them were left behind. Among the sixteen albums taken—about fifty are safe in a bank vault—were United States Special Delivery and Postage Due volumes, essays and proofs issued by the New York Postmaster in 1845, an 1861 volume of one to five-cent die essays and proofs, an 1867 volume of one-cent to ninety-cent of the same, and others issued from 1900 to 1920.

Of the stolen stock, the only significant omissions in the burglars' take were five approval books of Latin American essays and proofs, alphabetically from Argentina to Costa Rica. They took those from Dominican Republic through Venezuela, however, as well as others of Hawaii, the United States and Canada and trial colors including many unusual revenue proofs.

The cabinet door jammed across a lower shelf, Dr. Brazer said, so they missed some small die proofs and proofs of bank notes, which, however, are not of great value. According to detectives, the thieves escaped the way they came in, and had to snap the lock off the outside barrier gates of the camera shop.

Brazil Publicises Postal Reorganization

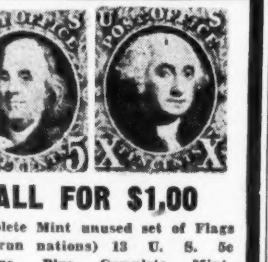
Brazil, on January 10, issued a commemorative stamp which pictures the new eight story Post and Telegraph Building at Recife, capital of the state of Pernambuco. Face value of this item is 1.20 Cruzieros, the color, rose red.

According to Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, who sent stamps and a first day cover of the new issue, this stamp has some importance in reference to the Postal and Telegraph Service.

Under recently developed policies and plans, Brazil is reorganizing its entire postal and telegraph service. It includes the erection of new buildings where necessary, the modernization of others, and in each, the installation of the latest mail handling equipment.

The building of modern design shown on the stamp is one of the first to be erected under the reorganization. It covers an entire city block, facing on the Avenue Gaurapes, and is considered the largest and most efficient in all Brazil.

Presiding at the opening was the governor of the state of Pernambuco, Dr. Barbosa L. Sobrinho. Assisting in the ceremonies was Brazil's Postmaster General, Col. Landry Sales.



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611	3.80	.88	.67	764	.92	.23	.15
612	4.75	1.15	.05	765	.95	.24	.15
614	.62	.13	.12	766	.14	.05	.03
615	.96	.21	.12	767	.24	.07	.05
616	11.25	2.35	1.40	768	1.25	.17	.13
617	.82	.18	.18	769	.68	.09	.06
618	1.20	.28	.24	770	1.45	.20	.19
619	5.40	1.20	1.02	771	3.20	.80	.95
620	1.20	.30	.28	772	.17	.05	.02
621	8.70	2.10	1.90	773	.17	.05	.02
627	1.05	.17	.04	774	.17	.05	.02
628	3.15	.58	.36	775	.17	.05	.02
629	.94	.15	.10	776	.17	.05	.02
643	.48	.11	.10	777	.17	.06	.02
644	1.24	.25	.23	782	.17	.05	.02
645	.34	.09	.05	783	.17	.05	.02
646	.37	.10	.10	784	.16	.04	.01
647	.90	.22	.20	785	.07	.02	.02
648	3.90	.98	.96	786	.10	.03	.02
649	.52	.09	.07	787	.15	.04	.02
650	1.85	.40	.36	788	.25	.06	.03
651	.40	.10	.09	789	33	.08	.03
654	.34	.08	.08	790	.07	.02	.02
655	.32	.07	.02	791	.10	.03	.02
657	.28	.07	.06	792	.15	.04	.02
680	.46	.11	.11	793	.25	.06	.03
681	.23	.06	.05	794	.37	.09	.03
682	.22	.06	.04	795	.19	.05	.02
683	.46	.12	.11	796	.48	.12	.06
688	.28	.08	.07	798	.22	.05	.02
689	.32	.08	.04	799	.22	.05	.02
690	.18	.05	.03	800	.23	.05	.02
702	.18	.04	.02	801	.22	.05	.02
703	.22	.05	.05	802	.22	.05	.02
704	06	.02	.02	835	.35	.09	.02
705	.10	.03	.01	836	.35	.09	.03
706	.24	.06	.02	837	.31	.07	.02
707	.11	.03	.01	838	.35	.08	.02
708	.28	.07	.01	859	.08	.03	.02
709	.21	.06	.01	860	.11	.04	.02
710	.62	.16	.02	861	.24	.06	.01
711	.98	.24	.02	862	.35	.08	.05
712	.36	.09	.03	863	1.70	.41	.19
713	.78	.19	.04	864	.24	.06	.02
714	.94	.23	.03	865	.17	.04	.02
715	2.95	.72	.02	866	.36	.09	.01
716	.17	.04	.03	867	35	.09	.05
717	.14	.03	.02	868	3.00	.78	.23
718	.35	.09	.02	869	.16	.04	.02
719	.46	.11	.04	870	.18	.04	.02
724	.22	.05	.02	871	.62	.15	.01
725	.35	.09	.03	872	.41	.10	.04
726	.22	.06	.02	873	1.55	.38	.14
727	19	.05	.02	874	.09	.03	.02
728	.10	.03	.01	875	.15	.04	.02
729	.22	.05	.01	876	.17	.05	.01
730	.21	.05	.03	877	.32	.08	.04
731	.35	.08	.04	878	1.40	.35	.14
732	18	.05	.01	879	.10	.03	.02
733	.58	.15	.11	880	.15	04	.02
734	.65	.16	.05	881	.27	.06	.01
736	.23	.06	.04	882	.37	.09	.05
737	17	.04	.01	883	2.90	.72	.13
738	.22	.06	.05	884	.10	.02	.02
739	.25	.06	.03	885	.14	.04	.02
740	.08	.03	.02	886	.19	.05	.01
741	13	.04	.02	887	.38	.09	.04
742	.18	.05	.02	888	1.55	.40	.15
743	.28	.08	.03	889	.22	.05	.02
744	.35	.08	.04	890	.15	.04	.02
745	.54	.13	.06	891	.29	.07	.02
746	.54	.13	.05	892	1.45	.30	.07
747	.55	.14	.10	893	6.90	1.70	.20
748	.80	.20	.06	894	.96	.24	.04
749	1.50	.36	.05	895	.77	.19	.03
750	1.35	.32	.20	896	.30	.07	.02
751	.38	.09	.06	897	.30	.07	.02
752	.17	.04	.03	898	.30	.07	.02
753	.58	.15	.14	899	.06	.02	.01
754	.53	.13	.08	900	.09	.03	.01
755	.49	.13	.08	901	.21	.06	.01
756	.20	.05	.04	902	.35	.08	.03
757	.29	.07	.07	903	.30	.07	.02
758	.47	.11	.08	904	.15	.04	.02
759	.57	.14	.11	905	.15	.04	.01
760	.70	.17	.13	906	.72	.18	.10
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Titled, "The Postal History of Puerto Rico," and written by R. B. Preston and M. H. Sanborn, it had appeared in serial form in the American Philatelist between 1939 and 1943. War shortages and other post war difficulties delayed the appearance of this book until the present.

The authors have handled this very difficult assignment in what seems to be a highly satisfactory manner. Puerto Rico, now a United States possession, was up until approximately fifty years ago under the rule of Spain. Under Spain, the island enjoyed a postal system, and had stamps for the franking of mail, while previous to the adhesive postage stamp era, stampless covers were in use.

The authors were handicapped with an almost total lack of reference material, while the little previously published needed translation from the Spanish.

The opening chapter deals with the history of the island. In succeeding chapters are considered the Pre-Stamp period, the first postage stamps, the issues of 1855 and 1856, the counterfeits, the issues of 1864, 1868, 1869, 1870 and 1871.

Throughout there are evidences that the authors have tread cautiously and investigated thoroughly before putting the finishing touches to the subject. There are numerous check lists and plating layouts as well as a generous amount of photographs documenting the study.

The book will probably remain the standard work on Puerto Rico for some time to come. For stamp fans interested in philatelic material originating in Puerto Rico, the Preston-Sanborn book will be a welcome must for their libraries.

Selling price is $2.50 postpaid from H. Clay Musser, executive secretary of the APS, P. O. Box 800, State College, Pa.

Plating Of Penny Red Described In Brochure

Newest publication to be released by R. C. Alcock, Ltd., 11 Regent St., Cheltenham Spa, England in their "The Stamps of Great Britain" series has to do with a stamp very popular with those interested in plating. Title of the brochure is "The Line Engraved Issues, Archer Plates, 1841 Penny Red, Die 1, Alphabet 1, Plates 92-101, Constant Varieties".

After two pages of introductory remarks, the balance of the publication is devoted to the listing of the re-entries and constant marks for positions on each of the plates numbered from 92-101.

While the material contained in the brochure is for the use of the super-specialist, it will at the same time make the approach to plating this stamp, and the tenure of interest in the project more permanent to those who take it up at some future date.

The 44 pages, pocket size, are bound between heavy paper covers and sell for 5/- from the publisher at the address above.

NEPPS Names Officers, Plans 1951 Programs

The newly elected officers of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philatelic Society of Scranton are busily engaged planning programs for the meetings of 1951 for the pleasure and information of the members and visitors.

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SWEDEN: With the King Gustaf VI Adolf's ascension to the throne of Sweden new regular postage stamps are expected in the very near future. Possible denominations are 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45 and 50 ore. All are not to be released at the same time—rather, one or two will be issued, now and again as the old designs of the corresponding denominations are exhausted.

However, of the proposed values, the 40, 45 and 50 ore might not now reach the public as "King's stamps", that is, bearing the portrait of the monarch. To facilitate an easier distinction between the various denominations on the part of the post office clerks, the Administration is considering using an entirely different design for the stamps in the 40 to 70 ore range. Possibly a design with the country's small Coat or Arms, similar to Scott types A13 and A15 will be used.

The denominations from 80 to 140 ore are to retain the "Three Crowns" design, Scott type A56. And no changes are contemplated for the 5Kr, Scott's A65, or the 20Kr, Scott's AP3. The latter, by the way is not an airmail stamp although Scott lists it in that category.

The changes predicted above will mean that there will be two or three new stamp booklets also, made up of the most used values. Other than that the new stamps are expected to appear in coil form which practice has been found to be the most convenient.

Should expected increases in postal rates come to pass, it would mean color changes for some of the stamps to keep them in conformance with the Universal Postal Union regulations.

FINLAND: This country is faced with a difficult monetary and political situation, accompanied by widespread strikes in the government printery. Possibilities of the exhaustion of some postage stamp denominations are expected.

For a while, it is rumored, the Post Office Department will attempt to meet the demand with the remainders of the war time military stamps, Scott type M2, of which there are many still on hand.

NORWAY: The previously reported commemorative issue to mark the centenary of the birth of Arne Garborg was issued on January 25. The same design, which is a portrait of the author, will grace the three stamps. Also, for the first time, the country name will be spelled in the Neo-Norse of "NOREG" in place of the usual "NORGE".

Denominations and colors are 25o red, 45o blue and 80o brown.

The inclusion of the "high value" 80 ore is being protested by organized philatelists in Norway. The Norwegian Philatelic Monthly stated editorially that it believed that such a denomination was inspired by the Swedes, and is only to fleece stamp collectors.

But the Norwegians are denied first day cover service, which in Sweden is deemed necessary to make ends meet at the philatelic agency.

SWEDEN: In addition to the expected charges in the designs of the stamps, there will also be revisions in postal stationery. The design chosen of King Gustaf VI Adolf for the stamps will be carried over to the postal cards and the letter cards.

The following colors and denominations will hold unless there are postal rate revisions.

Postal Cards:—15o single, and 15o and 15o double postal card for domestic mail, in red brown. A 20o single card and a 20o and 20o double reply card for foreign mail in red.

Letter Cards:—For local delivery a 15o red brown, and for national domestic, a 20o red.

DENMARK: On February 8, additional stamps are expected in the current regular postage series which have a portrait of King Frederick IX in the design. They are a 35 ore greenish black, and a 55 ore dark brown.

These too will be printed at the government printing plant in sheets of 100 on unwatermarked paper and perforated 12¾.

Collectors will also be able to get a first day cancellation on their covers for these new stamps.

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by J. F. McGee

In Linn's of December 25, 1950, I called attention to the postal markings, "Via Siberia" on some of the German covers of World War II. These markings resulted from the British and French naval blockade of Germany. The Germans dispatched their nonairmail postal matter to overseas neutral countries across Russia to the Siberian port of Vladivostok, and thence on Japanese and Russian ships. I have learned since from information sent to me by other collectors, that mail originating in German-occupied nations destined for overseas was also sent, "Via Siberia" and marked accordingly.

It would be possible, probably with a few exceptions, to build a collection of these "Via Siberia" covers from Germany, Poland, Belgium, Netherland, Austria, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Eastern France and Denmark. A philatelic collection of these items would have diversified postal markings and would grow, in historical interest and in value with the passing years.

The cover I mentioned in the previous article had the 25pf blue Hindenburg postage stamp. It was addressed to Medellin, Columbia, S. A., and was mailed at Gablonz, Sudetenland. The "via Siberia" was applied with a fairly-large handstamp in blue ink.

Marvin J. Albinak, Detroit, writes he has a half-dozen German-occupied Netherland covers. They are addressed to different persons in different towns in the U. S. Apparently the postage was prepaid with German stamps, as he advises that those of the Netherlands were invalid. They have the direction either of, "Via Siberia" or Via Sibiren" written by hand.

D. W. Ellis, Birmingham, Ala., reports that he has two German metered covers of July, 1940, from the Fried. Krupp Co., to a firm in Youngstown, Ohio. They are inscribed, "Uber Sibirien und Japan", applied with a typewriter. Mr. Ellis points out that the "Mikado" was also then a pal to both "Good Old Joe" and to "Adolph".

Paul W. Savage, Stamp Editor of the Evening Gazette, Worcester, Mass., wrote that back in 1939 and 1940 his paper received a weekly letter of Nazi propaganda from Munich, Germany. They went into the wastebasket until he noticed the "Via Siberia" markings on the covers. He then salvaged them. He described the covers in his stamp column. The result was requests from collectors for one of the items. He gave them away except two for his personal collection.

Karl Jensen, Turlock, Calif. states that the German cover that he has was over four months enroute.

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Things Are In A Mess

If I could write this editorial on the present world situation it would be a lot easier to write for there is so much going on that one would have little difficulty in writing pages on the present trend of events and I am vain enough to believe that my ideas and opinions would be about as reliable and correct as are those of many of the men who hold high office in our country. For if we view their opinions as presented in the daily press, over the radio and through television we can soon conclude that they are all shooting in the dark as there are so many divergent opinions expressed that no matter what are your own, you are bound to agree with one side or the other.

GEO. W. LINN

Here in Ohio we elected a Senator last election who seems to think he knows all the answers. He is a Republican and true to political action, he as a Republican has been trying to disagree with about everything that our president, who as you know is a Democrat, has to say. That would not be too bad if the Republican party as a whole were behind this man and agreed with him. It would make a cleavage between two distinct trends of thought, but things are not so and this Senator finds that other big men in his party disagree with him, so what the heck, who is right, whom are we to stand by and follow. Seems to me our politicians should try and get together and make the issue clear so that the people could become combined and solid behind one plan for action. We small individuals are often told that the people are the final voice in national affairs but we the people would have a hard time of being heard and the best we can do is attend to our own business and let the politicians attend to theirs, for no matter how right we might be we have little chance of being heard So let's collect stamps and give our attention to stamps for a while and see how things work out

Right now our thoughts are naturally on what effect world events will have on our hobby. My opinions have been expressed at various times and I could again go ahead and comment on the above question but I find an opinion of a writer who writes under the name of "STRAND" in various of the British publications. I am taking the libery of clipping one of his recent writings and printing it here because it so closely agrees with my own opinion as to the present situation in this country. It is nice therefore to realize that the situation in Britain is about the same as it is here.

The following is taken from the December 1950 issue of the Philatelic Exporter, a publication that has a good circulation throughout the British Empire. Here is the item.

"The present International Situation and general money shortage in Britain is undoubtedly having a serious effect on Stamp Dealers. Stamp collectors, like everyone else, now find all the necessities of life costing more, and are, in consequence, having to spend less on their Stamps.

"Dealers least affected are those handling the really fine early material and those who specialise in Colonial new issues. It seems a greater truth than ever that to many collectors their Colonial new issues are on a par with the necessities of life.

"What will be the outcome of the present situation? Generally, opinion seems to be that it is bound to be resolved one way or the other fairly soon. Interesting is the theory that either way can only result in better conditions for the stamp trade. In brief, this is the theory. If life becomes more stabilised and money easier then trade should increase. On the other hand, if the International position becomes worse many consumer goods will go off the market and collectors will again have more money for stamps Maybe in subscribing to this idea I am optimistic!

"Consequent upon the money shortage dealers, both wholesale and retail, but particularly those with heavy overheads are loath to part with cash for the various attractive parcels which come on the market these days at low prices. I would emphasise, however, that these parcels do not include such sets as the U.P.U. and Silver Weddings.

"Money may be short but collectors have no intention of giving their holdings away, which is a very good sign."

If our readers will go back a few years they will realize that what this writer has to say is merely an opinion, but his opinion might well have been formed by what actually happened a few years ago. It is but natural that we can look for the same things again. As consumer goods become more scarce, more difficult to get, the average man will have to find other places to spend his money, provided of course he does not save it. The worker is going to work longer hours, he is going to get more money and have more money to spend. We feel certain that those of that class who are stamp collectors will find stamps a good place to spend it. That may mean as it did before that stamp prices will advance. If you take the cue from the opinion of our British writer, you will see that the better quality stamps are the best buy, they have always held up, while the cheaper material is unstable. Wise collectors can direct their spending in the right manner and come out with a sound investment. With that advice I can only leave the decision up to you.

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Article Tells What Makes Stamp Value

A rather pertinent item of information was carried in the January 1951 issue of the International Stamp News which should be of interest to all stamp collectors. This is the publication which is available through dealers only—it is not for sale on news stands or by subscription.

The article deals with the ever interesting discussion of what makes value in a stamp or group of stamps. It reads as follows:

Few philatelists realize the crucial role played by new issues in determining the future prices of old stamps.

Most collectors have noted, while casually turning the pages of their new catalogs, that the stamps of certain countries continue to be priced at the same levels year after year, while the stamps of other countries show frequent and sometimes startling increases.

But how few persons have noted that the stamps in the second group are almost invariably those nations which have popular and often numerous new issues.

The very name which philatelists give to countries without new issues —'dead countries'—is a clear indication of their fate. The collector following of countries without new stamps grows smaller and smaller as time passes, until the group shrinks to those collectors who have the time and means to collect everything.

Just to list the countries without new issues is to make a list of unpopular countries. To start at the beginning of the alphabet, where are the collectors of Aguera, Alaouites, Alexandretta, Allenstein, Angra, Anjouan, Annobon, Armenia or Azerbaijan? When stamps of these countries are in demand it is not for their own sake, but because they have issues in categories such as airmails that are needed for completeness.

Some of the stamps of these dead countries are unbelievably rare. Some of them are seldom, if ever, seen despite the fact that many catalog only a trifle. Such stamps in obsolete countries continue to be valued in cents and single dollars, despite the fact that they are not available on search or demand for hundreds of dollars! But no one particularly cares, and the situation remains the same year after year.

However, look at stamps of equivalent rarity in active and live countries which have numerous new issues to constantly attract new collectors. Then you will see the rare stamps often sold. Not because many exist, but because the prices are in the thousands and the collectors are lured to accept high prices and profits for single stamps.

Of course, there are certain types of extinct nations which have been restored to popularity because the original units were absorbed into large philatelically active countries, and the popularity of these countries is reflected into the obsolete parts. A good example is the German States and Colonies. These stamps were so much out of circulation and so widely distributed by the time of the great rise of collecting in Germany that the reflected interest produced a very stable market for the extinct units.

Almost everyone knows that the value of individual stamps depends on the factor of supply and demand. But how few philatelists calmly appraise the reason for less or greater demand for certain stamps.

One shrewd commentator while discussing the decline in Newfoundland stamps which have recently been added to the list of 'dead' countries, and the rapid growth of interest in Korean stamps which have recently been resurrected and returned to the list of active countries, made the statement that every collector should insure the value of their collections by promoting and demanding many new issues for the countries they collect.

Another philatelist who is also a statistician made a very good case for the general theory that stamp prices as a whole increase or decrease in direct relation to the increase or decrease of the number of new issues as a whole.

Whether or not this is so, new issues provide a boon to the collectors of the countries from which they come, and constantly advertise both that country and stamp collecting in general.

Maplewood Collectors Form Junior Club

Besides the business of electing officers at its annual meeting the Maplewood Stamp Club, Maplewood, N. J. took up the matter of the formation of a stamp club for juniors.

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Alex J. Frackenpohl was elected president. Other officers are John J. Garafano, vice president; Irving F. Brown, treasurer and Mrs. Alexander Maebert, 420 Cumberland Rd., South Orange, N. J., secretary.

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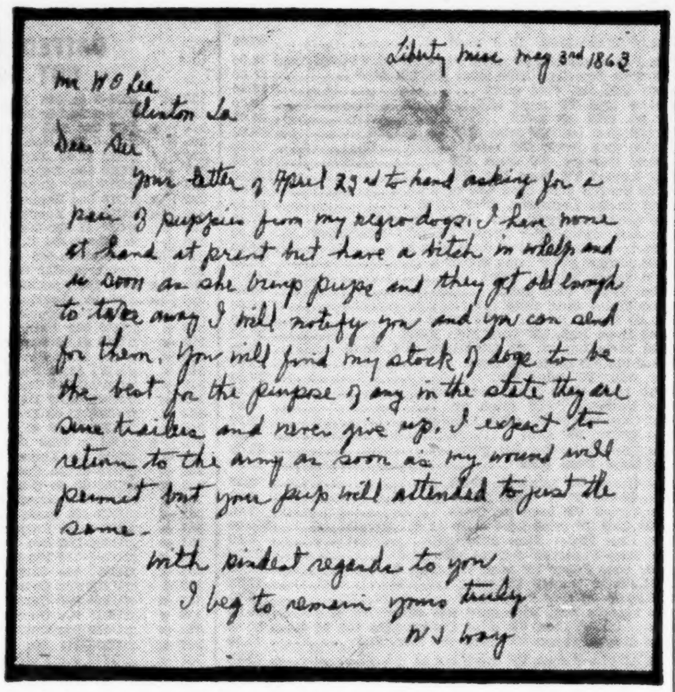

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Your letter of April 23rd to hand asking for a pair of puppies from my negro dogs. I have none at hand at present but have a bitch in whelp and as soon as she brings pups and they get old enough to take away I will notify you and you can send for them. You will find my stock of dogs to be the best for the purpose of any in the state they are sure trailers and never give up. I expect to return to the army as soon as my wound will permit but your pup will attended to just the same.
With kindest regards to you
I beg to remain yours truly
W J Way

This is the message side of a folded letter mailed in the South during the Civil War. It is equally as interesting from a non-philatelic viewpoint as the outside of the letter is from a philatelic one. It reads, "Liberty Miss May 23rd 1863/Mr. W. O Lea/Clinton La/Dear Sir: Your letter of April 23rd to hand asking for a pair of puppies from my negro dogs. I have none at hand at present but have a bitch in whelp and as soon as she brings pups and they get old enough to take away I will notify you and you can send for them. You will find my stock of dogs to be the best for the purpose of any in the state they are sure trailers and never give up. I expect to return to the army as soon as my wound will permit but your pup will (be) attended to just the same./With kindest regards to you/ I beg to remain yours truly/W. J. Way."

BEST IN THE STATE

by William J. Hayes, C.S.A.

"That's old Tom bayin', and do listen to Queenie. That yelpin' is little Bessie, a half-grown pup, and I do declare the dogs got the boy treed."

"Mr. Way, you sure are proud of your dogs."

"Yes, suh! Best in the state of Mississippi."

This is but an imaginary conversation between two men, one the writer of this illustrated folded cover, at a period in the Southern states when the use of dogs was the necessary practice in tracking down escaped Negro slaves.

The training of dogs was a highly specialized work, and the owner of a pack of these hounds was often called upon for the recovery of this human property which in those pre-Civil War days was an important factor in the operation of a plantation.

The planters of the South, understanding the economics of those days, treated their Negroes in a humane manner, for these slaves were a part and parcel of their wealth, needing expert care, for a sick boy was a useless worker. A slave such as Bill, sold to Joseph Fitzpatrick on December 23, 1841, in Harris County, Georgia, by William Hays for $700.00, was an expensive item, and it can readily be understood why strong and healthy workers were very essential for the upkeep of this human machinery, and the recovery of one of his escaped slaves was of such great importance.

Many of the folded letters and envelopes containing letters from the South during the Civil War gives us the sorrow, romance and hardships of those days, all a part of the traditional life in the Old South. This relic of what has been called "a forceful intrusion upon man's rights", discloses a tale of the writer proclaiming his occupation and his desire to return to fight, possibly knowing the need of every soldier to help ward off the approaching capture of Jackson, Mississippi, which fell on May 14, 1863.

The cover bears a manuscript "Paid 5", Wm. Smith, P. M., was sent from Liberty, Mississippi to W. O. Lea, Clinton, La., and is an example of the use on May 3, 1863 of a manuscript receipt for the postage rate needed to transport the letter, for this type of cancellation was caused by the vigilance of the Federal forces blockading the receipt of Confederate postage stamps at that late period of the conflict.

Museum Visited By UN Postal Chief

United Nations Postal Administration is making rapid advancement for establishment of their Postal Administration. Bertil A. Renborg, Chief of the United Nations Postal Administration, made a special visit to Philadelphia to study at first-hand numerous problems in connection with the UN postal service.

At a luncheon at the Art Alliance, given by Harry M. Buten, were Mr. Renborg and his staff; also present were Donald M. Steele, Chairman of the Exhibition Committee of the National Philatelic Museum and Bernard Davis, Director of the National Philatelic Museum.

The entire afternoon was spent at the Museum where careful examination of the method of exhibiting stamps, study of needed reference material in the Library, and private talks on the question of designing, engraving and printing of the stamps were given much consideration.

The possibility of holding a United Nations Stamp Show at the Museum, with allocation of a certain number of frames to each member nation, was discussed.

The problem of printing a book which will deal with the projected stamps and plans of the United Nations Postal Administration is now under consideration.

Reveals Slogan Identification Marks

A code has recently been initiated which will serve to identify all slogan dies used on cancelling machines at the New York City post offices. That is the information revealed by Moe Luff of New York City, author of the recently released, "U. S. Postal Slogan Cancels".

The code depends on the alteration of the lines along side the slogan box, and is as follows:

GPO Outgoing Mails—No lines cut.

GPO Incoming Mails—2nd line cut.

Church St. Sta.—3rd line cut.

Grand Central Sta.—4th line cut.

Bronx Central Sta.—5th line cut.

Madison Square Sta.—6th line cut.

Identification of the slogan "FIGHT TB...." as used in the International Automatic Cancelling Machines follows. Two dies are in use nationwide.

1—First P in SUPPORT centered over A in ASSOCIATION.

2—First P in SUPPORT to right over A.

Both dies in use at Grand Central Station.

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103	⊞★	#231 2c Columbian VF mint NH blk.	2.75 +
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106	⊞★	#237 10c Columbian JF mint blk. of 4	30.00
107	⊞★	#239 30c Columbian Fine mint blk of 4	60.00
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111	★	#240 50c Columbian VF mint NH	15.00
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114	★	#241 $1.00 Columbian F-VF mint	45.00
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116	⊙	#241 $1.00 Columbian JF-F used	37.50
117	★	#242 $2.00 Columbian JF-F mint	47.50
118	⊙	#242 $2.00 Columbian VF used	32.00
119	★	#243 $3.00 Columbian Fine mint	70.00
120	⊙	#243 $3.00 Columbian Fine used	65.00
121	★	#244 $4.00 Columbian Fine mint	80.00
122	⊙	#244 $4.00 Columbian F-VF used	75.00
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126	★	#254B 4c Dark Brown Superb mint Hor. Imp. Pr.	32.50
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149	⊙	#292 $1.00 Trans-Miss. VF used light Canc.	47.50
150	★	#293 $2.00 Trans-Miss Fine mint	85.00
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158	★	#312 $2.00 1902 F-VF NH mint	50.00
159	★	#313 $5.00 1902 iss. VF mint NH	100.00
160	★	#315 5c Imperf VF mint Ver. Pr.	150.00
161	⊞⊙	#320B 2c Scarlet Fine used blk of 4	10.00
162	★	#323-327 1c-10c Louisiana JF-F mint	28.25
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164	⊞★	#330 5c Jamestown JF-F Arrow blk of 4 reinforced	50.00
165	⊞★	#331-335 1c-5c Perf 12 JF-F mint blks of 4	23.60
166	★	#338 10c Yellow F-VF mint blk of 4	12.50
167	★	#341 50c Violet Superb mint	15.00 +
168	★	#341 50c Violet Fine mint	15.00
169	★	#341 50c Violet Fine mint	15.00
170	★	#342 $1.00 Violet Brown F-VF mint	22.50
171	★	#343-347 1c-5c Imp. VF mint Hor. Pairs	28.30
172	⊞★	#343-344 1c-2c Imperf. VF mint blks of 4, 2mm.	5.25
173	⊞★	#346 4c Imp. VF mint blk 2mm.	15.00
174	⊞★	#347 5c Imp. VF mint blk.	30.00
175	★	#348-351 1c-5c Coils Fine mint set	23.10
176	★	#349 2c Carmine F-VF mint pr.	6.00
177	★	#349 2c Carmine F-VF mint Line pr.	8.00
178	★	#350 4c Brown VF mint	7.00
179	★	#351 5c Coil Fine mint NH pair	25.00
180	★	#351 5c Blue Fine mint	12.50
181	★	#352 1c Green VF mint pr. 2mm.	8.00
182	★	#352 1c Green F-VF mint Line pr.	9.00
183	⊙	#352 1c Green VF used pr. 3mm.	7.00
184	★	#356 10c Coil JF mint Line strip of 4	360.00
185	★	#357 1c Blue Paper Fine mint NH	5.00
186	⊞★	#357 1c Blue Paper JF-F mint blk. of 4	22.50
187	★	#364 10c Blue Paper VF mint NH Gur. Certificate	60.00
188	★	#368,371,373 2c Imperf VF mint	13.25
189	⊙	#367-68,70-71 2c 1909 F-VF used	5.77
190	⊞★	#368 2c Lincoln Imp. Fine mint left Arrow blk of 4	25.00
191	⊞★	#371 2c Alaska-Yukon VF mint Center-Line blk of 4	50.00
192	★	#371 2c Alaska-Yukon VF mint NH Hor. Pair	10.50
193	⊞★	#371 2c Alaska-Yukon VF mint blk of 4	25.00
194	⊞★	#373 2c Hudson-Fulton VF mint top Arrow blk of 4	25.00
195	⊞★	#373 2c Hudson-Fulton VF mint blk of 4	18.50
196	★	#374-378 1c-5c JF-F mint blk of 4	14.75
197	★	#377-379 4c-6c JF-F mint blk of 4	16.00
198	★	#383 1c Imperf. Fine mint Centerline blk of 4	6.50
199	★	#385-387 1c-2c Coils Fine mint	7.10
200	★	#387 1c Green VF mint Pr. 2mm.	6.50
201	★	#387 1c Green VF mint pr. 3mm.	8.50
202	★	#387 1c Green VF mint Line Pr.	9.00
203	⊙	#387 1c Green VF used pr. 2mm.	6.50
204	★	#388 2c Carmine F-VF mint	35.00
205	★	#388 2c Carmine VF mint pr. 2mm.	70.00
206	★	#388 2c Carmine VF mint Line pr.	85.00
207	⊙	#388 2c Carmine F-VF used	9.00
208	★	#390-393 1c-2c Coils Perf 8½ Fine mint	5.60
209	★	#397-400 1c-10c Pan-Pacific Perf. 12 Fine mint	15.60
210	⊞★	#397-398 1c-2c Pan-Pac. F-VF mint blks of 4 with Plate #	5.00
211	⊞★	#399 5c Pan Pacific F-VF mint blk of 4 with Plate #	25.00
212	★	#400 10c Pan-Pacific Orange Yellow Perf 12 Fine mint	9.00
213	⊞★	#400 10c Yellow Pan-Pacific Perf 12 F-VF mint blk of 4	42.50
214	★	#400A 10c Pan-Pacific Perf. 12 F-VF mint NH	10.00
215	⊞★	#400A 10c Pan-Pac Orange Perf 12 F-VF ★ plt. blk of 4	45.00
216	★	#401-402 1c-2c Pan-Pacific Perf 10 F-VF mint	8.00
217	⊞★	#401 1c Pan-Pacific Perf 10 VF mint blk.	6.50
218	⊞★	#402 2c Pan-Pacific Perf 10 F-VF mint blk	27.50
219	★	#404 10c Pan-Pacific Perf 10 F-VF mint	55.00
220	⊞★	#405-407 1c-7c Fine mint blks of 4	18.50
221	⊞★	#408 1c Imperf. VF mint Centerline blk.	5.00
222	⊞★	#409 2c Carmine VF mint Plate blk of 6	4.50
223	★	#409 2c Mail O. Meter Type IV JF mint line strip of 4	3.75
224	★	#413 2c Carmine VF mint NH strip of 4	8.00
225	★	#413 2c Carmine VF mint NH pr.	4.00
226	⊞★	#414-416 8c-10c JF-F mint blks of 4	26.50
227	★	#421 50c Violet F-VF mint NH	30.00
228	⊞★	#424-6,8 1914-15 Perf 10 Fine mint blks of 4	11.00
229	⊞★	#430-431 7 & 8c Perf 10 Fine mint blks of 4	27.50
230	⊞★	#431 8c Olive Green JF mint Plate blk of 6 Side A5846	20.00
231	⊞★	#433-34,35A 10c-12c Perf 10 Fine mint blks of 4	29.25
232	⊞★	#438 20c Perf 10 F-VF mint blk of 4	32.50
233	★	#441-444 1c-2c Coils VF mint NH	6.40
234	★	#441-444 1c-2c Coils Fine mint prs.	12.80
235	★	#442 2c Coil VF mint NH strip of 4	5.40
236	★	#443 1c Coil VF mint NH Line strip of 4	5.00
237	★	#444 2c Coil F-VF mint NH Line strip of 4	17.00
238	★	#444 2c Carmine F-VF mint NH pr.	8.00
239	★	#445 3c Violet VF mint NH	20.00
240	★	#445 3c Violet VF mint NH pr.	40.00
241	⊙	#445 3c Coil VF used	12.00
242	★	#461 2c Carmine VF mint	7.50
243	⊞★	#461 2c Carmine VF mint NH blks of 4	32.50
244	⊙	#461 2c Carmine VF used	7.50
245	★	#477 50c Violet Fine mint	75.00
246	★	#477 50c Violet Fine mint slight. soil on face	75.00
247	⊞★	#482 2c Imperf VF mint Centerline blk of 4	9.00
248	★	#498-518 1c-$1.00 JF-F mint	16.84
249	⊞★	#498-513 1c-13c 1917 iss. Fine mint blks of 4	33.85
250	★⊞	#514 15c 1917 iss. VF mint blk of 4	16.00
251	★	#515 20c 1917 iss. SUPERB mint NH	1.85 + +
252	⊞★	#515 20c 1917 iss. Fine mint blk of 4 with Plate #	10.00
253	⊞★	#516 30c 1917 iss. Fine mint blk of 4 with Plate #	7.50
254	⊞★	#518 $1.00 1917 iss. VF mint blks of 4	17.50
255	★	#518B $1.00 Deep Brown JF mint	27.50
256	★	#519 2c Carmine Perf 11 F-VF mint	20.00
257	★	#519 2c Carmine Perf 11 VF mint Straight Edge on Bot.	20.00
258	⊙	#519 2c Carmine Perf 11 VF used Light Canc.	17.50
259	★	#523 $2.00 Orange Red & Black SUPERB mint NH	47.50
260	★	#523 $2.00 Orange Red & Black VF mint	47.50
261	★	#523 $2.00 Orange Red & Black Fine mint	47.50
262	⊙	#523 $2.00 Orange Red & Black VF used light canc.	23.50
263	⊞⊙	#524 $5.00 Green & Black F-VF used blk of 4	11.00
264	★	#529F 3c Offset Fine mint Double Print	3.00
265	⊞★	#531 1c Offset Imperf VF mint blk of 4	9.00
266	⊞★	#532 2c Offset Imperf VF mint blk of 4 Large margins	10.00
267	⊞★	#535 3c Offset Imperf VF mint blk of 4	8.00
268	⊞★	#535 3c Offset Imperf VF mint Top Arrow blk.	10.00
269	⊞★	#535 3c Offset Imperf VF mint Bottom Arrow blk.	10.00
270	⊞★	#535 3c Offset Imperf VF mint Left Arrow blk	10.00
271	⊞★	#535 3c Offset Imperf VF mint NH Right Arrow blk	10.00
272	⊞★	#535 3c Offset Imperf VF ★ Right Side Plt. blk of 6 9386	12.50
273	⊞★	#535 3c Offset Imperf VF ★ Plt. blk of 6 Left Side 9386	12.50
274	⊞★	#536 1c Perf 12½ F-VF mint blk	8.50
275	★	#537A 3c Red Violet JF mint NH	15.00
276	★	#538A 1c Green F-VF mint Imperf Between Pair	4.00
277	★	#538A-539B Imperf Between JF mint blks of 4	16.00
278	★	#547 $2.00 Carmine & Black VF mint NH	13.50
279	★	#551-570 1c-50c Flat Fine mint	17.47
280	⊞★	#551-555 ½c-3c Flat F-VF mint blks of 4	9.42
281	★	#554 2c Carmine VF mint Perf 10 at Bottom	——
282	⊞★	#559-562 7c-10c Flat Fine mint blks of 4	15.35
283	⊞⊙	#573 $5.00 Flat Fine used blk of 4 Canc. Heavy	5.00
284	⊞★	#576 1½c Harding Imp. SUPERB mint NH Centerline blk	11.00
285	⊞★	#576 1½c Harding Imp. VF ★ 4 Arrow blks cpl. all posi.	11.00
286	⊞★	#577 2c Imperf VF mint Centerline blk of 4	6.50
287	⊞★	#577 2c Imperf VF mint 4 Arrow blks cpl. all positions	12.00
288	⊞★	#577 2c Imperf VF mint 4 Corner blks cpl. all positions	8.00
289	★	#578-579 1c-2c Perf 11 x 10 F-VF mint NH	9.00
290	⊞★	#579 2c Carmine 11 x 10 Fine mint blk of 4	12.50
291	⊞★	#579 2c Carmine VF mint Plate of 4 Star & P. #	17.50
292	⊞★	#579 2c Carmine JF mint Plate of 4 Star & P. # Straight Edge on Right	17.50
293	⊙	#578-579 1c-2c Perf 11 x 10 VF used	9.00
294	⊙	#595 2c Carmine Fine used	11.00
295	★	#610-612 2c Hardings VF mint NH	4.15
296	⊞★	#611 2c Harding Imperf VF mint blk of 4	7.50
297	⊞★	#611 2c Harding Imp. VF mint cpl. set of 4 Arrow blks	48.00
298	⊞★	#611 2c Harding Imp. VF mint 4 Corner blks of 4 cpl.	48.00
299	⊞★	#612 2c Harding Perf 10 F-VF mint blk of 4	9.00
300	⊞★	#614-616 1c-5c Walloon F-VF mint blks of 4 with Plate #	19.25
301	⊙	#614-619 Walloon & Lexington F-VF used sets cpl.	5.55
302	⊞★	#620-621 2c & 5c Norse-Amer VF ★ blks of 4 with Plt #	16.50
302A	⊞★	#621 5c Norse-Amer VF mint NH Plt. & arrow blk of 8	35.00
303	⊞★	#621 5c Norse-American F-VF used blk of 4	12.50
304	★	#752-771 Farley VF mint set cpl. 20 var.	5.61
305	⊞★	#752 3c Newburgh VF mint Cross Gutter Blk	18.50
306	⊞★	#752 3c Newburgh Farley F-VF ★ Plt blks 4 posi. #21118	4.00
307	⊞★	#752 3c Newburgh Farley F-VF mint Arrow blks 4 posi.	4.00
308	⊞★	#753 3c Byrd F-VF mint Centerline blk.	6.00
309	★	#756-765 1c-10c Park Farley VF mint Hor. Line Pairs	4.96
310	⊞★	#757 2c Farley VF mint Centerline blk of 4	3.75
311	⊞★	#766 1c Chicago Farley VF mint CROSS GUTTER blk.	4.00
312	⊞★	#767 3c Chicago Farley VF mint CROSS GUTTER blk.	9.00
313	⊞★	#766-770 Farley Souv. VF mint Cross Gutter blks	17.65
314	★	#766-770 Farley Souv. VF mint Ver. Gutter Pairs	——
315	⊞★	#766-770 Farley Souv. VF mint Ver. Gutter blks of 4	——
316	★	#766-770 Farley Souv. VF mint Hor. Gutter Pairs	——
317	⊞★	#766-770 Farley Souv. VF mint Hor. Gutter blks of 4	——
318	⊞★	#771 16c Farley VF mint Top & Bottom Plate blk of 6	22.00
319	⊞★	#805 1½c M. Washington VF ★ NH Imperf betw. blk of 4 without Precancel, Retails $90.00	——
320	★	#805 1½c M. Washington F-VF mint NH Imperf Between Pair without Precancel Retails $35.00	——
321	⊙	#921 5c Korea Scarce used, F ⊙ blk 4 with error Korpa	——

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Lot #		Description	Cat. Val.
322	★	#C1-3 6c-24c 1st iss. Air JF mint	15.50
323	★	#C4-6 8c-24c 2nd iss. Air JF mint	14.85
324	⊞★	#C6 24c 2nd iss. Air F-VF mint NH blk	32.50
325	⊙	#C4-6 2nd. iss. Air Fine used set	6.35
326	⊙	#C15 $2.60 Zeppelin Fine used	55.00
327	★	#C18 50c Zeppelin Fine mint	9.00
328	★	#C18 50c Zeppelin Fine mint	9.00
329	⊞★	#C18 50c Zeppelin Fine mint NH blk	37.50
330	⊞★	#C18 50c Zeppelin JF-F blks of 4 mint	37.50
331	★	#C20-22 20c-50c Clippers Fine mint blk of 4	7.80
332	⊙	Sanabria-M4 U.S. R. F. Overprint VF ⊙ on 1st Day Cov.	——
333	⊞★	Sanabria-M8 F-VF mint blk of 4	8.00 +
334	⊙	Sanabria-M12 U.S. R. F. Overprint VF ⊙ on 1st Day Cover	——
335	⊞★	#E1 10c Special Delivery F-VF mint blk of 4	27.50
336	⊞★	#E9 10c Special Delivery Perf 10 F-VF mint blk of 4	25.00
337	★	#E15 10c Special Delivery Fine mint Hor. Pr. Imp. Betw.	100.00
338	★	#Q10 50c Parcel Post F-VF mint	14.00
339	★	#Q12 $1.00 Parcel Post F-VF mint NH	25.00
340	★	#Q12 $1.00 Parcel Post Fine mint	25.00
341	★	#RW1 $1.00 Duck Blue VF mint NH	15.00
342	★	#RW1 $1.00 Duck F-VF mint	15.00
343	★	#RW1 $1.00 Duck Blue Fine mint NH	15.00
344	★	#RW4 $1.00 Duck Light Green JF-F mint	9.00
345	★	#RW6,10-12 $1.00 Ducks Fine mint copies	14.75
346	⊞★	#O84 2c War Dept. JF mint blk of 4	100.00
347	★	#U40 10c Yellow Green, White VF mint cut square	1.85 +
348	★	#U60-61 3c Cut Squares VF mint	6.25 +
349	★	#U62-65 6c Cut Squares VF mint	11.00 +
350	★	#U72 30c Green, buff, VF mint cut square	4.00 +
351	★	#U73 40c Rose, buff VF mint cut square	5.00 +
352	★	#U201 24c Purple, White VF mint cut square	16.00 +
353	★	#U204-205 30c Cut Square VF mint	7.75 +
354	★	#U208-210 30c Cut Squares VF mint	13.00 +
355	★	#U211 90c Carmine, White VF mint cut squares	4.50 +
356	★	#U212 90c Carmine, Amber VF mint cut square	12.00 +
357	★	#U214 90c Carmine, Oriental buff, VF mint cut square	17.50 +
358	★	#U215 90c Carmine, Blue VF mint cut squares	12.00 +
359	★	#U217 90c Carmine, Amber manila VF mint cut squares	8.00 +
360	★	#U336-341 30c Cut Squares VF mint	15.35 +
361	★	#U342 90c Purple, White VF mint cut square	4.25 +
362	★	#U343 90c Purple, Amber VF mint cut square	4.25 +
363	★	#U344 90c Purple, Oriental buff, VF mint Square	4.75 +
364	★	#U345 90c Purple, Blue VF mint cut square	4.75 +
365	★	#U346 90c Purple, manila VF mint Cut Square	4.50 +
366	★	#U347 90c Purple, Amber manila VF mint cut squares	4.50 +
367	⊙	#R37A 10c Power of Att. F-VF used Blue canc.	45.00
368	⊙	#R37A 10c Power of Att. JF-F ⊙ dated Mar. 15, 1870 D.C.	45.00
369	⊙	#R42A,50A,54A,89A JF-F used	7.35
370	⊙	#R52A 30c Inland Ex. Fine used	4.75
371	⊙	#R53A 40c Inland Ex. JF-F used	100.00
372	⊙	#R65A 70c Foreign Ex. Fine used	30.00
373	⊙	#R85A $3.00 Charter Fine used	6.50
374	★	#R218 $2.00 Carmine Fine mint blk of 25 Face $50.00	——
375	★	#RD93-100,104,106 1941 Stock Transfer Fine mint copies	——
376	★	#RD196 1945 Stock Transfer JF mint	——
377	★	#107L4 20c Metropolitan mint margin thin	100.00
378	★	#RV1 $2.09 Motor Vehicle F-VF mint	3.50
379	★	#RV1 $2.09 Motor Vehicle Fine mint	3.50
380	★	#RV6 $5.00 Motor Vehicle Fine mint	7.50
381	★	#RV18 $5.00 Motor Vehicle VF mint Straight Edge	7.50
382	★	#RV18 $5.00 Yellow Motor Vehicle Fine mint	7.50
383	★	#RV42 $5.00 Motor Vehicle Fine mint	7.50
384	★	#RV42 $5.00 Grn Motor Vehicle F ★ Straight Edge on Bot	7.50

GENERAL FOREIGN

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385	★	Algeria U.P.U. Fine mint set cpl.	——
386	★	#84-93,96-97 Antigua ½-L1 Fine mint	11.20
387	★	#67 Argentina 50c Blue Fine mint	9.00
388	⊙	#2 Austria 2Kr. Black Fine used Red & Black Canc.	5.00
389	★	#110-127 Austria 1h-10K Fine mint cpl. set	32.34
390	★	#111-15,17-19,22-25 Austria SUPERB mint Hor. Imperf. Pairs—RARE ESTIMATED VALUE $350.00	——
391	★	#144 Austria 10K Birthday F-VF mint NH	30.00
392	★	#145-58,60-63 Austria VF-Superb mint Hor. Imperf prs. Estimated Value $135.00	——
393	★	#168-70 Austria Superb ★ Hor. Imp. Prs. Est. Val. $25.00	——
394	★	#181-82,84.89-91 Austria 3H-50H VF mint Hor. Imp. Prs. Rare—Estimated Values $45.00	——
305	★	#B3-7 Austria Superb mint set cpl. Imp. prs. Estimated Value $40.00	——
396	★	#B71-76 Austria Superb Mint set cpl. Imp. Hor. Prs. Estimated Value $175.00	——
397	★	#J103-13 Austria VF mint Imp. Hor. Prs. cpl. set Estimated Value $60.00	——
398	★	#J132-35,37-40,42,45,46,49,53-58 Austria Superb mint set cpl. as iss. Imperf Hor. Pairs Estimated Value $200.00	——
399	★	#184-87,197-205,07-09,11-12,C16 Australia F mint set cpl.	5.70
400	★	#218-221 Australia 5Sh.-2L VF mint	17.40
401	★	#100,O1A,O2,O3B,O4A,O5A,106-13 Bahamas ½-L1 F mint	8.25
402	★	#132-147 Bahamas ½-L1 Fine mint	15.56
403	★	#1 Barbados ½P. SUPERB mint	15.00
404	★	#216-227 Barbados 1c-$2.40 Fine mint	5.83
405	★	#118-19,21A-22,23A-28 Bermuda 1p-L1 Fine mint	15.76
406	★	#236-37,39.41 Br. Guiana 48c-$3.00 Fine mint	5.85
407	★	#115-126 Br. Honduras 1c-$5.00 Fine mint	12.84
408	★	#67-72,74-78 Br. Solomon Is. ½-5Sh. Fine mint	3.87
409	⊙	#8-9,23-25 Brazil F-VF used	7.80
410	⊙	#26 Brazil 180r VF used	6.00
411	⊙	#28 Brazil 600r Black Fine used	15.00
412	⊙	#37 Brazil 10r Blue SUPERB mint OG Ver. Pair	2.50 + +
413	⊙	#37-38 Brazil 10-30r Blue SUPERB used set cpl.	4.75 +
414	★	#40 Brazil 430r Yellow VF mint NG, faint thin	40.00
415	★	#89 Brazil 100r Fine mint thin	32.50
416	⊞★	#129 Brazil 100 on 50r Brown Yellow VF mint blk of 4	2.00 +
417	⊞★	#192 Brazil 10,000 Brown fine mint blk of 4	4.00
418	★	#407-10,19-20,29-30,80-83,86-87,533-34,673 Brazil F ★ cpl sets	5.90
419	★	#429-30,80-83,87,609-11,B5-10,C25,54-59 Brazil F ★ cpl sets	7.45
420	⊞★	#539A Brazil 400r F-VF mint blk of 4	12.00
421	★	#609-11,17-23,25-26,28-32,35-42,673 Brazil F ★ cpl sets	6.34
422	★	#268-273 Canada 8c-$1.00 Fine mint cpl.	4.04
423	⊙	#2-3 Cape of Good Hope JF-F used	27.50
424	⊙	#4 Cape of Good Hope 4P. Fine used	7.50
425	★	#100-04,107-11,14-15 Cayman Islands ½-10Sh. Fine mint	5.45
426	★	#122-34 Cayman Islands ¼-10Sh. Fine mint	5.67
427	⊙	#7 Ceylon 6P Brown JF-F used	25.00
428	⊙	#11 Ceylon 1Sh. Violet JF-F used	20.00
429	⊙	#2 Chile 10c Fine used	15.00
430	⊙	#2 Chile 10c JF used	15.00
431	⊙	#2-3,11,14 Chile JF used	28.75
432	★	#3 Chile 5c JF-F mint, no gum	85.00
433	⊙	#3,11,14 Chile JF used	13.75
434	⊙	#5 Chile 10c Blue JF-F used light black canc.	20.00
435	⊙	#5 Chile 10c Blue JF used light blue Canc.	20.00
436	★	#9 Chile Fine mint no gum	8.00
437	★	#9 Chile 5c Rose Red JF-F mint	8.00
438	★	#11 Chile 1c Lemon Yellow JF mint	6.00
439	⊙	#11 Chile 1c Lemon Yellow Fine used Blue Canc.	7.50
440	★	#15-19 Chile 1c-20c Fine mint no gum	14.50
441	★	#25,28-33,35-36 Chile Fine mint copies	6.15
442	★	#61A Chile Fine mint Inverted Overprint	30.00
443	★	#79-82,211-15,28-39,45-48,B1-2 Chile Fine mint cpl. sets	6.00
444	★	#97-107,110-113 Dominica ¼-10Sh. Fine mint	6.45
445	★	#509-13,C25-26,40-44,140-46,68-72 Ecuador F ★ sets cpl.	5.00
446	★	#2B Egypt VF mint Imperf thin	12.00
447	★	#50-57 Egypt 1m-100m Fine mint	4.66
448	⊙	#C1 Egypt VF used	4.50
449	★	#84,85B,86A,87A,88,91-95 Falkland Is. ½-L1 Fine mint	11.30
450	★	#117,18,21,22A,24-28,29B,32,43-44 Fiji ½-1L Fine mint	12.06
451	★	#C14-16 French India Fine mint set cpl	4.00
452	★	French Colonies UPU Fine mint cpl. 12 Val.	——
453	⊙	#15 Gabon 25c Green VF used 4 margins, faint thin	25.00
454	★	#B93-101,21-31,176.91 Germany Fine mint sets cpl.	6.40
455	★	#53-54 Germany Offices in China Fine mint copies	2.50
456	⊙	#1B Germany (China) 3pf Yellow Brown F-VF used Overprinted 48 angle	——
457	★	#107,O8A,110B,12-16,20 Gibralter ½-10Sh Fine mint	5.40
458	★	#130-141 Gold Coast ½-10Sh. Fine mint	5.55
459	⊙	#7 Gr. Britain 6p red Violet F-VF used thin	8.50
460	⊙	#7B Gr. Britain 6P Deep Violet JF-VF used	8.50
461	★	#235-48,49A-50,51A Gr. Britain ½P-10Sh. Fine mint	8.01
462	★	#267-68 Gr. Britain 2½P-L1 VF mint cpl.	7.12
463	★	#275 Gr. Britain L1 Brown VF mint	6.00
464	★	Gr. Britain & Colonies, Olympic Cpl.	——
465	★	Gr. Britain, Victory, Peace, Olympic and Royal Visit Cpl. on, White Ace Pages	——
466	★	#14-15 Gr. Britain Offices in China Fine mint	4.50
467	⊞★	#246-250,252-262 Gr. Britain (Offices in Morocco ½-5Sh. F-VF mint in blks of 4	16.12
468	★	#131-42 Grenada ¼-10Sh. Fine mint	5.40
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470	★	#239-44 Guatemala Fine mint	4.60
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481	★	Liberia UPU Fine mint set cpl. 3 Val.	——
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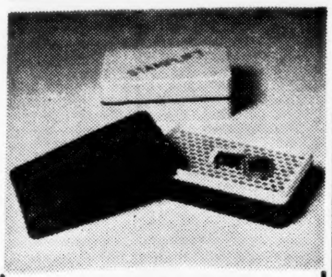

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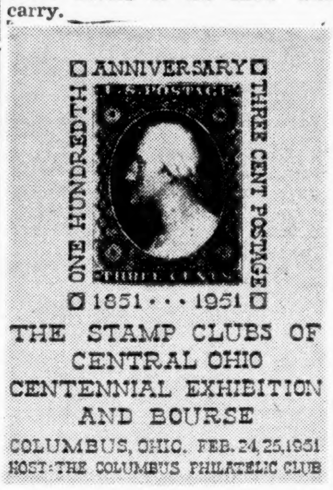

Covers will be made available to all collectors either by orders through the mail, or by purchase at the exhibition. Those buying by mail can have theirs cancelled on either, or both of the days of the event, February 24 and 25. Scene of the exhibition will be the Southern Hotel.

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494 ★	#6,9-10 Nicaragua Fine mint	11.00
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Probably other postmasters in the United States were remembered in the same way, but the postmaster at Omaha, Nebraska definitely was the recipient of a New Year's greeting card sent by the director of the Central Post Office and his staff of Moscow, Russia. J. F. McGee of Omaha sent in the details.

Most startling was that the card was sent "in the interests of world peace"!!!

Undoubtedly, this is another attempt by the Reds to better their public relations with the world which are a trifle more than "sour" at this time. There has been a flood of peace propaganda in the way of stamps, radio broadcasts and news releases unloosed from Russia—all mediums which get to a large segment of the general public.

The card came to Omaha via airmail—printed in French, its translation reads:

"The director of the Central Post Office of Moscow and his employees present their best wishes for the New Year and hope for a lasting world peace for you and all the people of your country."

It closes with the declaration, "Long live peace!"

The card's only adornment is a gold dove of peace.

It was sent to the Director of the Central Post Office Bureau, Omaha, United States of America.

A United States addition to the envelope bearing the card was a rubber stamped rotation that the "deficiency in address was supplied by the New York post office".

Postmaster John Hopkins of Omaha says the greetings caught him by surprise—it was the first time he had ever gotten such a message. Like other Americans, I imagine he has some wishes for Russia too!

The aggravating fact is the Russian belief that they can "schmoozle" us with pretty words and pictures, meanwhile doing what they can in the direct opposite. That makes us out pretty dumb, and thassa insult.

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1. There is one United States stamp design which clearly pictures the territory purchased from Russia in 1867. Name the territory and the stamp.

2. A United States commem pictures the man who negotiated the treaty with Russia for the purchase of this territory. Name the man and the stamp.

I believe all of you will be interested in the added comment about Acadia National Park which was described here in the column of December 25. It comes via a letter from Rev. Paul E. Alden of Franklin, Indiana. Mr. Alden writes:

"Your very interesting comments on Acadia, as 'probably one of the least known of the National Parks', in your always fine U. S. Notes in Linn's Weekly for December 25 prompts me to point out another little known fact about the 7c National Park.

"I refer to the fact, which is well known by residents of Mount Desert Island and even by frequent visitors of the Island, that Great Head is not a part of Acadia National Park, but is privately owned.

"I wonder if this does not mean that the 7c National Parks is distinctive in being the only stamp of that fine issue which pictures property not owned by the Federal Government.

"Another fact about Acadia National Park which might interest readers of your U. S. Notes is that much of the natural beauty of Mount Desert Island, including both much of the Park and the privately owned Great Head, was seriously damaged by a devastating fire in the summer of 1947. Although both the Parks Service and Nature have been doing their utmost to restore the ravaged areas, it seems probable that for the next 20 to 25 years visitors to Acadia National Park will not see some of the natural beauty which you so admirably described in your Notes, for it takes that long to grow the trees which made the Park so beautiful."

So we can thank Mr. Alden for some additional facts to add to the write-up of this stamp in our albums.

This being a hot, sultry day (well, somewhere it is) what would be more appropriate than a little historical visit to the "nation's ice box", Alaska. Our northern territory is very much in the news today for a couple of reasons mostly—the attempt to make it the 49th state—and its closeness to the Communist Paradise, Russian Siberia.

Besides that, it has figured in two commems actually issued for it alone.

Records indicate that Alaska was first known as early as 1579, but it was not until 1711 that a Cossack named Popof brought back to his native Russia some definite information about the country. In 1728, Vitus Bering, sent out on an exploratory expedition by Peter The Great, sailed through what is now known as Bering Strait.

Other Russian explorers carried on the work begun by Bering so that it was not too long before their country claimed the territory for its own. Strangely enough the first white settlement was not made on the mainland but on one of the Aluetian Islands, Kodiak, in 1783.

In the meanwhile exploratory probings into the territory were being made from the mainland by Canadian and English traders coming by way of the Mackenzie Valley, and from the ocean where the vessels of various nationalties came from the south following the Pacific coast line.

Among the most prominent of these expeditions were the Russian under Synd, Krenitzin, Billings, Kotzebue and Luetke; Spanish inspired by Bodega y Quadra, Arteaga, Martinez and Malaspina. The French made one attempt under La Perouse.

But the most important exploration was done by Capt. James Cook of the English navy who in 1778 surveyed almost the entire coast line between 58° and 70°.

By 1788, the Russian fur trading interests had consolidated their various companies into a single unit, thereby creating an airtight monopoly which existed until the time the United States took over the country. Because Russian use of the area went no farther than taking all the fur which was to be gotten, and not in developing the territory and the land, they wanted to get rid of Alaska as early as 1855 when the fur "take" had been reduced considerably.

Again under President Buchanan's administration (1857-1861) negotiations with Russia were opened for purchase. These fell through when that nation refused an offer of five million dollars.

It was not until President Johnson came to office upon the assassination of Lincoln that further attempts were made, and completed. Credit for making the deal is William H. Seward's, secretary of state, who at 4 a. m. on March 30, 1867 got the necessary signatures to the treaty which went to the senate for ratification the next day.

Proclamation of the treaty was made by President Johnson on June 20, 1867—formal transfer of the territory took place at Sitka on October 18 that same year. The ceremony took place in front of the governor's residence where in the midst of many notables of the day and sizeable groups of military personnel, the Russian flag was lowered and that of the United States hoisted amid the booming of cannon.

For many years after its acquisition, Alaska was neglected by the Federal Government. While the Coast Survey took up the systematic mapping of the shore line, little or nothing was done in the interior.

First real interest was aroused by the discovery of gold in the Klondike. Gold hungry citizens and a suddenly Alaska-conscious Congress made a number of contributions to the opening up of the territory. Since then Alaska and its hardy citizens have fared somewhat better, but not as well as they would like.

There was a dispute with Canada at one time as to the boundaries of the territory which extends down from the north along the Pacific side of the nation. This was finally resolved by an impartial tribunal of six men established by a signed treaty between the United States and England on January 24, 1903.

Representing the United States in the negotiations were Henry Cabot Lodge, Elihu Poot and George Turner. Richard Everard Alverstone, Lord Chief Justice of England, Louis Amable Jette and Allen Bristol Aylesworth, Canadians, represented England.

The meetings began in London September 3, 1903, and on October 20 a decision was reached by a majority, the United States representatives and Lord Alverstone voting against the two Canadians, which was an almost complete vindication of the United States contention though the actual demarcation of the boundary threw about one third of the disputed territory to Canada.

The mainland of Alaska and its islands comprise an area of 586,400 square miles which is approximately one-fifth the continental area of the United States proper. Its chief products are fur, fish and mineral, with gold dominating the latter. Resources as yet not known or developed total in the billions. being one of the great untapped sources of wealth of this nation.

While purchase of our "ice box" was vigorously and violently opposed when we got it, and we didn't do much with it after we bought it, you'll have to admit that it was quite a bit of real estate to get for just slightly over seven million dollars, $7,200,000 to be exact.

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1. The map on the Byrd Antarctic Expedition II stamp clearly shows Alaska, the purchased territory.

2. He was William H. Seward shown on the Alaska-Yukon commem of 1909.

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POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

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ALBANIA—An air pictorial set of six values has recently been issued.

BELGIUM—A set of charity stamps of flower designs was issued Dec. 20, according to Whitfield King & Co., and will remain on sale until the end of February. The first four values represent the Gentian, Cotton Grass, Foxglove and Limonia flower. The three remaining stamps depict different Sanitoriums.

CHINA—The same source reports three stamps marking the Sino-Soviet treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual assistance. Values are given as $400 red, $800 green and $2000 blue. Similar stamps of higher face value, have appeared for the North Eastern provinces.

EGYPT—Th e commemoratives mentioned here some time ago were released Dec. 27. One was a 10m. violet and brown, and is inscribed "inaug. de l'Institute Fouad ler du Desert 1950" with portraits of Kings Farouk and Fouad.

The second is a 22m. green and claret, inscribed "Universite Fouad ler 1925-1950" and depicts the University and likeness of King Fouad. The third, a 30m. green and dark red, inscribed "Societe Royale de Geographie e'Egypte 1875-1950", showing a globe and a scroll and a portrait of Khedive Ismail Pasha.

Finally, the "postponement" of the International Stamp Exhibition, originally slated for March, will undoubtedly delay or halt the issuance of a special stamp or sheet planned for the event.

FRANCE—The magazine "l'Officiel de la Philatelie" reproduces designs of the 8fr. plus 2fr. semi-postal portraying a bust of Alex Brongniart, and a 15fr. plus 3fr. semi-postal with a statue "L'Amour". The former bust is by Houdon, and the latter by Falconnet.

GREAT BRITAIN—Copies of the current 1d. value, imperforate, have been secured by Whitfield King & Co.

HUNGARY—Three stamps appeared Dec. 10 (40f., 60f. and 1 ft.) to mark the centenary of the death of Joseph Bem, hero of the Hungarian War of Independence. The design used for these stamps also appeared in a souvenir sheet to mark the 23rd Stamp Day; the 25th anniversary of The Philatelist Workers' Central.

ISRAEL—Official stamps are to be issued on the 5 pruta, 15p., 30p. and 40p. denominations, based on the first definitive coin series and overprinted "Bul Sherut".

MONACO—The 25fr. imperf. U.P.U. stamp is now reported to exist in brown instead of blue.

PITCAIRN—Two new values have ben ordered, to be added to the current set, notably a 4d. black and green, showing the Bible from H.M.S. "Bounty", and an 8d. green and purple, showing the recently completed school—both plus a portrait of George VI.

POLAND—A single stamp was to have appeared December 21 to mark the birthday of Stalin.

RUSSIA—The portraits on the Antarctic commemorative set, 40kc. value, are those of Belingsgausen and Lazarev. It is further understood three stamps appeared to mark the 75th anniversary of the birth of M. I. Kalinin, first president of the U. S. S. R.

SUDAN—Whitfield King & Co. notes it has been officially stated from Khartoum that the long expected pictorial set will be issued about the middle of this year. A new denomination, 3½ piastres,, will be included in the set. All denominations will also receive the "SG" overprint for official use.

SYRIA—A five-value set of postage stamps has been released, as follows: 50c brown, and 2.50p. purple red, coat of arms design; 12.50p. green, road through a valley; 25c and 50c., blue and black, respectively, Hotel des Postes, Damascus.

TRANS-JORDAN—Slight differences in the new printings, released Dec. 20, have been noted.

TUNIS—A single-value Tunis adhesive for the Museum, has been seen.

VIRGIN ISLANDS—The set of four stamps commemorating the restoration of the Legislative Council was to be issued January 15. They are to remain on sale until April 30.

Re-Elect Newton Falls Officers Uuanimously

The officers of the Newton Falls (Ohio) Stamp Club must have set a good record during 1950 for the entire slate was returned to office by the members. Kept in office were president John Banko; vice president Steve Lisum; treasurer Ben Aho and secretary Steve Namesnik, 700-B Newton Dr., East River Gardens, Newton Falls, Ohio.

Meetings to which all interested collectors are invited are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Community Building on Quarry St.

NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

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Precancel NEWS

Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

Precancel Notes.

Vinson, Ohio has een deleted from the OHIO town list by State Editor Dave Kelly. If you happen across a precancel from Tippicanoe, Ohio no lines or bars just put it down as a fancy cancellation. The vice has been investigated and was never actually used as a precancel.

One of these days B REAU prints will come back and a lot of collectors will wish they had some of the cheap material that can be had right now.

Stuart, Florida used the 2c Prexy over the Holidays, it's a U-122 type. Poynette, Wis. also used the 2c value probably on Xmas cards, Sharonville, Ohio also was a 2c user.

I can't believe it but Precancelled envelopes seem to be coming to the front. Maybe it's only a flash in the pan but have noted more comment and interest in the things this winter than I can remember of any time in the past. The change er to a new type and to a different "Sec." number made some very interesting varieties to say the least.

Still have not seen any government printed 2c precancelled envelopes. Can there be any or are the rules and rates against this sort of thing. Where are my advisors on rates? Lets hear from you.

BUREAUS COMING BACK

Not that they have ever been away, but it seems to some collectors in the precancel fraternity that if you are not mobbed for some type of precancel at a meeting, or that some foolish collector is not paying a ridiculous price for a precancel in some certain group, then that group is cold, a has been, and what have you. I don't think that Bureaus ever slipped too much. They were sure to level off and when there was no new issue or type change to start new collectors, it was only a matter of time till the current collectors would be caught up with their collections and the normal amount of new collectors probably only balanced those that dropped out. Just a normal happening in any stamp field.

I talked to George Klein a year ago and he said that business wasn't rushing but that it was steadily moving along and he deals only in the current Narrow Bureaus exclusively. I know about the number of sheets George requires to cover his wants when each new issue appears and judge that there are at least a half dozen others who probably need just a few more or a few less than George for their customers and the total is quite gratifying.

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The Harmony Stamp Shop, Box 1919, Dept. L, Wichita, Kansas is liquidating its entire stock of First Day Covers. They are planning to retain and continue the First Day Cover Club. In the very near future they will announce the establishment of a new department which should be of interest to all collectors. The cover ad appeared in the January 15 edition.

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For the specialist in Australia it is well to note that there were two dies used in printing the 3 pence stamp, Scotts #170. In die one the letters "TA" on postage at the right are joined together.

In die two "T" and "A" are separated. The different dies and prices are listed and quoted in Gibbons catalogue, but no mention made of same in Scotts.

NEW ZEALAND. The 1½d provisionals have been withdrawn from sale and are now quite scarce. Time only will tell whether this present scarcity is caused by speculators who may have bought large quantities of these low priced provisionals.

BRITISH COLONIES. This column has received many inquiries regarding the official hand book of "British Colonial Stamps." This 104 page book describes briefly, with photographs, the current (except recent emissions) stamps of all the British Colonies, Protectorates etc.

It also gives the location, the population and the currency. It also includes a list of the post offices in each colony and a complete list, with official designation and address of each territory for those who desire to order stamps or communicate direct.

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UNION SOUTH AFRICA (& SOUTH WEST AFRICA). The Silver Wedding stamps of the Union of South Africa have provided off center items that actually command a premium. Some sheets have been found with the three top rows cutting into the design horizontally, although the rest of the sheet are well centered. This is due to the fact that the stamps of these three top rows are about ½ millimeter larger (vertically) than the rest of the sheet.

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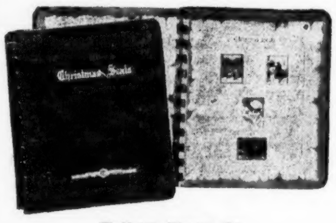

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